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1. The People's Republic of China (PRC) has placed heavy emphasis on airfield construction and improvement in the strategic Wuhan Military Region (Figure 1) since mid-1966. Seventeen of the region's twenty-one major airfields have been involved in the upgrading. Nine of the 17 airfields have been newly constructed (one is still under construction) and the other eight have had improvements to runways or to facilities (Table 1).

2. All 17 airfields have concrete runways. Twelve have runways over 1,828.8 meters (6,000 feet) in length and are capable of handling most of the jet aircraft in the present PRC inventory. Three of the airfields have underground aircraft storage areas and a fourth has three hardened aircraft shelters.

3. The following indicates the progression of airfield construction and improvement activity:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>New</u> | <u>Improved</u> | <u>Reconstructed</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1966 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1967 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1968 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1969 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 1970 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 1971 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 1972 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1973 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 9 | 7 | 1 |

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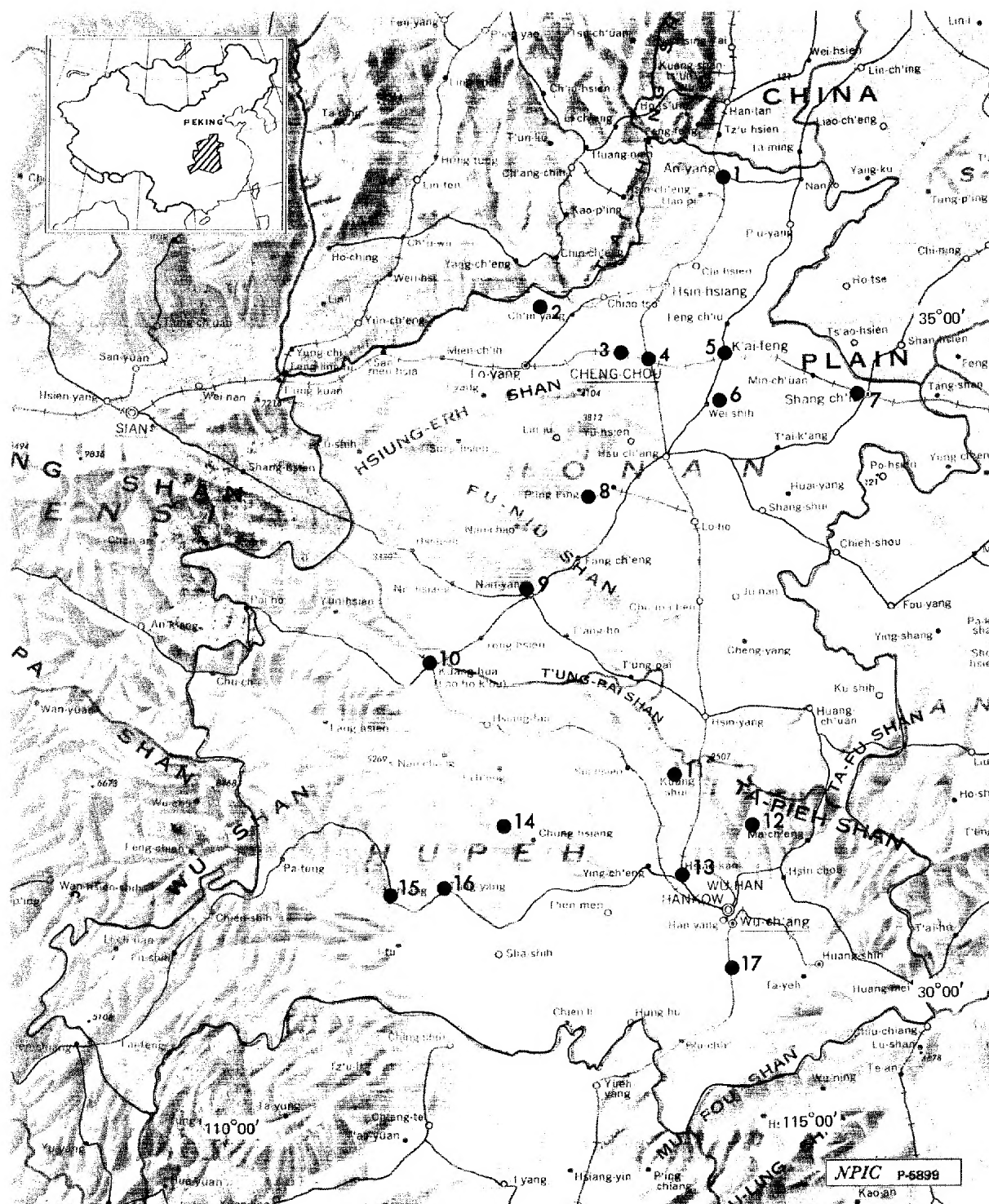


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
WUHAN MILITARY REGION, CHINA

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(Item numbers keyed to Figure 1)

| Item No | Installation Name | Geographic Coordinates | Construction Started | Runway Length Meters Feet | Type of Construction | Airfield Status |
|----------|--|-------------------------|----------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 25X1D 1 | An-yang Airfield [REDACTED] | 36-07-37N 114-20-07E | 1972 | <u>1,635.2</u> x <u>57.9</u> 5,365 x 190 | Runway extension, resurfacing | Operational |
| 25X1D 2 | Chi-yuan Airfield [REDACTED] | 35-07-58N 112-37-35E | 1970 | <u>2,607.5</u> x <u>51.8</u> 8,555 x 170 | New airfield | Runway serviceable/ unoccupied |
| 25X1D 3 | Jung-yang Airfield West [REDACTED] | 34-50-41N 113-16-07E | 1970 | <u>2,065.9</u> x <u>38.1</u> 6,450 x 125 | New airfield | Runway serviceable/ unoccupied |
| 25X1D 4 | Cheng-chou Airfield [REDACTED] | 34-46-39N 113-43-25E | 1969 | <u>2,205.2</u> x <u>60.9</u> 7,235 x 200 | Runway extension | Operational |
| 25X1D 5 | Kai-feng Airfield [REDACTED] | 34-45-00N 114-20-26E | 1970 | <u>2,211.3</u> x <u>45.7</u> 7,255 x 150 | Runway extended | Operational |
| 25X1D 6 | Tung-hsu Highway Strip SW [REDACTED] | 34-26-40N 114-21-50E | 1972 | <u>2,220.4</u> x <u>30.4</u> 7,285 x 100 | New airfield | Under construction |
| 25X1D 7 | Chu-chi/Kuan-yin-tang Airfield [REDACTED] | 34-26-55N 115-27-20E | 1971 | <u>2,200.6</u> x <u>50.2</u> 7,220 x 165 | New airfield | Runway serviceable/ unoccupied |
| 25X1D 8 | Jang-ho-chen Airfield [REDACTED] | 33-40-56N 112-53-25E | 1969 | <u>2,189.9</u> x <u>47.2</u> 7,185 x 155 | New airfield | Operational |
| 25X1D 9 | Nan-yang Airfield [REDACTED] | 33-00-50N 112-32-10E | 1971 | <u>1,510.2</u> x <u>30.4</u> 4,955 x 100 | Runway extension, resurfacing | Operational |
| 25X1D 10 | Kuang-hua Airfield [REDACTED] | 32-23-21N 111-41-46E | 1967 | <u>2,386.5</u> x <u>45.7</u> 7,830 x 150 | New airfield | Operational |
| 25X1D 11 | Ying-shan Airfield North [REDACTED] | 31-39-32N 113-49-14E | 1970 | <u>2,001.0</u> x <u>45.7</u> 6,565 x 150 | Reconstruction | Operational |
| 25X1D 12 | Huang-pei Airfield [REDACTED] | 30-54-30N 114-30-30E | 1971 | <u>1,664.2</u> x <u>41.4</u> 5,460 x 135 | New airfield | Runway serviceable/ unoccupied |
| 25X1D 13 | Hsiac-kan Airfield [REDACTED] | 30-57-18N 113-54-48E | 1971 | <u>1,301.4</u> x <u>30.4</u> 4,270 x 100 | Runway extension | Operational |
| 25X1D 14 | Wu-chia-chi Airfield [REDACTED] | 31-06-13N 112-24-39E | 1970 | <u>2,590.8</u> x <u>48.7</u> 8,500 x 160 | New airfield | Runway serviceable/ unoccupied |
| 25X1D 15 | Tang-yang Airfield [REDACTED] | 30-47-54N 111-48-54E | 1966 | <u>2,302.7</u> x <u>48.7</u> 7,555 x 160 | New airfield | Operational |
| 25X1D 16 | I-chang/Tu-men-wu Airfield [REDACTED] | 30-40-06N 111-26-34E | 1969 | <u>1,527.0</u> x <u>68.5</u> 5,010 x 225 | Runway resurfacing, hardstands added | Operational |
| 25X1D 17 | Shan-po Airfield [REDACTED] | 30-05-17N 114-18-52E | 1971 | <u>2,429.2</u> x <u>51.8</u> 7,970 x 170 | Hardened aircraft shelters | Operational |

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